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Die Martis 14. Martii 1709.

A Debate arising, whether a Question should be stated.

It was propos'd to adjourn the House.

Then the Question was put, whether this House shall be now adjourn'd.

It was Refolv'd in the Negative.

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Then after further Debate, the Question

was put.

That by the Law and Usage of Parliaments in Prosecutions, by Impeachments for

High Crimes and Misdemeanours, by writing or speaking, the particular Words, supposed to be Criminal, are not necessary to be expresly specified in such Impeachments.

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

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I. Because we conceive the Law of the Land, is as much the Rule of Judicature, as it is in Inferior Courts of Justice; and fince by the Opinion of all the Judges in all Profecutions by Information or Indictment, for writing or speaking, the particular words suppos'd to be Criminal, must be expresly specified in fuch Information or Indictment; and that this is the Law of the Land confirm'd by constant Practice, we conceive, that there is the same Reason, and Justice for specifying in Impeachments, the particular Words suppos'd to be Criminal, for otherwife a Person who is Innocent, and Safe by the Law out of Parliament, may nevertheless be condemn'd in Parliament.

For we conceive, That some Reasons of Law and Justice, why the words supposed Criminal must be specified in Informations and Indictments may be, that the party acri.

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cus'd, may certainly know his Charge, and be thereby enabled to defend his innocence, that the Jury may know it too, and be enabled thereby the better to apply the Evidence given by the Witnesses, to the Matter of such Charge, and that the Judges themselves, may the better Judge of the Nature of the Crime, and of a Publishment Adequate to it, which in Cases of Mildemeanours, which are Indefinite and Innumerable, must extremely vary, according to the heinousness of the Offence, and finally, That the House of Lords, upon Complaint, to them may also Judge, whether the Fine, which is usually one of the Punishments for Misdemeanours, do not exceed the Demerit, especially since by the Bill of Rights, exorbitant Fines are declared to be fllegal, which Reasons seem to be fully as strong in the Case of Impeachments, "As in Indicaments " and Informations, for the particular Words are as necessary to enable the "Lords to determine uprightly and impar-" tially, as the Jury or Judges, and as ne-" cessary for the Defence of the accused here, as in the Courts below, and if there " were to be a Difference, it feems more " necessary in this high Court, for the " weightier the Profecution is, the more " need has an unfortunate Man of Indulgence, " and all Lawful favour, and furely there " cannot be an heavier Load upon Man, " than an Accusation by all the Commons 55 of Britain. 187 bub weller anoguette

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"We do not Remember any Precedent in"fifted on for the maintenance of this Refolu"tion, fave only the Cafe of Dr. Manwaring,
"which we conceive could not warrant this
"Refolution; for First, the Words char"g'd upon him by the Commons Decla"ration, were not compar'd with the Ser"mons tho' it was defir'd, and consequently,
"no Lord could say, they were not the
"Words of the Sermons, and therefore upon
fuch Uncertainty, we conceive we could
"not ground a Positive Resolution.

The Charge upon him taken out of his Sermon, on the 4th of May 1628. Seems to be the very Words by him spoken; for they were attested by Ear Witnesses, who surely never were, or could be admitted to attest their own Conjectures of the Scope of a Sermon; and not specify the very Words, for that would be to make the Witnesses to be the Judges.

Bendes in fuch a Cafe as this; where the Party did not infift upon any Legal and just Exceptions, of which he might have taken Advantage; if he had made his Defence, which he did not, but Submitted, and begg'd Pardon this ought not to be look'd upon as a Precedent for Authority to Justifie the Illegality, of the form of that Impeach-

ment.

III.

II.

But altho', this Precedent were full and Express to the Point Refolv'd; We humbly Conceive that one Precedent is not Sufficient to Support a Law and Custom of Parliament, nor Consequently a Resolution declaring it, for surely there is great difference between a single Instance, and a Law and Custom.

Since we Conceive that in all the Precedents, at least all that have appear'd to us for Four hundred Years, of the Prosecutions in Parliament, the Particular Words charg'd as Criminal, have been Constantly express'd in the Article, or Declarations of Impeachment.

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The Opinions, he deliver'd are set forth Art.4.5, in hac Verba, as also the times when he deliver'd them.

Another Opinion deliver'd by him in the Exchequer Chamber, and Western Circuit, is set down in his Express Words.

Dr. Côsens.

He is Charg'd with Words deliver'd in a Art. 11.

Sermon at Durham, the Words were these,
the Reformers &c.

Charges him with Words in like manner, Art. 19. the Words were these, the King, &c.

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1641. Judge Crawley.

Art.1.2. For Subscribing and giving Opinions set

1641. Herbert. Me 10 28 W. obistA.

For Exhibiting of Articles against the Five Members, which Articles follow in these Words &c.

Thirteen Bishops Impeach'd for making and Promulging in 1640. Several Constitutions and Canons, contrary to the Kings Prerogative, &c.

They demurr'd because the Charge was General, but Receded from this Demurr,

because it appear'd to be particular.

1641. E. Strafford.

Art. 2. Expresses the Words spoken by him, and the

very Words spoke by him, 26. is in like manner, with an Inuendo of his meaning.

1642. Arch. Bishop Laud.

Art.1.4. 10. Express the Words spoken by Him, and the Time and Place.

So Negeffary did the long Parliament it felf, think it, to purfue the Forms of Law

in all their Profecutions.

Upon the whole therefore, we humbly conceive that so great a Number of Precedents, is sufficient to outweigh, the single instance of Dr. Manwaring's Case, how opposite soever it may seem to be to the prsent Case,

Cafe, which for the Reasons we have mention'd, is far from being Plain and Clear, or having the full Authority of a Precedent, and the Law and Custom of Parliaments, as we conceive is to be determin'd by constant Course and Practice, and not one Precedent occasion'd by fo Odious Doctrines, as those of Dr. Manuaring, nor can the Contrary Affertion to the abovefaid Resolution, be of any ill Confequence to Impeachments by the Commons because 'tis easie for them to Specifie the Words, which offend them; but extremely Difficult for the accus'd to defend himself; without knowing them, and as all who are Charg'd Criminally have leave to make their Defence fo they should also have allow'd to them all Lawful means for it.

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Die Jovis 16. Martii 1709.

To being moved to declare, That the Commons had made good the first Article against Dr. Sacheverell.

After long Debate thereupon.
This Question was propos'd.

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That the Commons have made good their first Article of Impeachment against Henry Sacheverell, Doctor in Divinity.

And after further Debate thereupon. The Question was put, whether this Que-

ftion shall be now put,

It was Resolved in the Affimative.

Dissentient.

Because we humbly conceive, there are no Reflexions therein contained on the Memory of the late King William nor the Revolution, and that there is no Offence charged therein upon Dr. Sacheverell against any known Law of the Land.

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Then the main Question was put.

That the Commons have made good their first Article of Impeachment against Henry Sacheverel, Doctor in Divinity.

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

Dissentient.

Because by the Laws of the Land, the Laws of Parliament, and the inherent Guildford. Right of Peerage, every Peer is to Judge for ND ore fine himself, both of the Fact, as well as of the Law, and can't be precluded from it, by any Majority which indeed must determine the Case in Respect of the Criminal, but never did, nor can preclude any Lord from Voting, the party accused, Guilty of not Guilty of the Fact, as well as of the Crime of such Fact,

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Die Veneris 17. Martin 1709.

THE House pursuant to the Order yesterday, took into Consideration the Second Article of the Commons Impeachment against Henry Sacheverell, Doctor in Divinity.

And after Debate Thereupon.

That the Commons have made good the fecond Article of their Impeachment, against Henry Sacheverett, Doctor in Divinity.

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

Diffentient,

Then the third Article being Read out of the Commons Impeachment.

The Question was put-

That the Commons have made good the third Article of their Impeachment against Henry Sucheverett, Doctor in Divinity.

It was Refolved in the Affirmative.

Dissentient,

The fourth Article being Read out of the Commons Impeachment.

This Question was put.

That the Commons have made good the fourth Article of their Impeachment against Henry Sacheverell, Doctor in Divinity.

It was Refolved in the Affirmative:

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Die Sabbati 18. Martij. 1709.

Then the Question propos'd Yesterday, to be asked every Lord in Westminster-Hall, was read (Viz.):

That the Commons having made good the Several Articles of the Impeachment against Henry Sacheverell, Doctor in Divinity; the said Doctor Henry Sacheverell is Guilty, of High Crimes and Misdemeanours, the Order being also Read for resuming the Adjourn'd Debate thereupon.

It was moved and (after Debate) agreed to leave out the First part of the propos'd

Question (Viz.)

That the Commons having made good, the Several Articles of the Impeachment against Henry Sacheverell, Doctor in Divinity.

It is ordered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled, that the Question to be put to each Lord in the Hall beginning the Junior Baron first, Shall be.

Is Doctor Henry Sacheverell Guilty of High Crimes and Misdemeanours Charge upon him by the Impeachment.

Then it being proposed to Consider wha Answer Each Lord shall give and Debat thereupon.

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This Question was propos'd, whether the Answer to be given by each Lord shall be Guilty or not Guilty (only.) It was Resolved in the Assirmative.

Then the main Question was put.

Whether it shall be ask'd.

Is Henry Sacheverell, Dr. in Divinity Guilty, of High Crimes and Misdemeanours whereof He stands Impeach'd.

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It was Resolved in the Assirmative.

It is order'd by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled, that the Question to be put to Each Lord in Westminster-Hall, shall be.

Is Henry Sacheverell Doctor in Divinity Guilty of High Crimes and Misdemeanours, Charg'd on him by the Impeachment of the House of Commons: and the Answer thereunto shall be, Guilty or not Guilty, (only.)

First, We do humbly Conceive that the obliging every Lord to answer generally, Guilty or not Guilty to a Question containing all the Articles of this Impeachment; is a kind of Tacking upon our selves, by an unnecessary Joining matters of a Different Nature, and Subjecting them to one and the same Determination, and Conse-

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quently may Prejudice the right every Peer has, to give a free Affirmative, or Negative, Since, whoever thinks Doctor Sacheverell, Guilty

Guilty of one Part, and Innocent of the other, will be obliged either to approve what He Condemns, or Condemn what He approves.

Secondly, We humbly conceive, there is at least a Possibility, that the a Majority of the House, if admitted to Vote to the Articles Separately; may think him Innocent upon each Article, yet by this Method of a general Answer, he may be Condemned of all, which seems not to be Consistent with the usual Method of Justice in this House.

Thirdly, We do humbly conceive, that fince the Judgment of the House in this Case ought to be a Declaration of the Law, the Condition of the People will be most Miserable, to have Punishment for high Crimes and Misdemeanours, and not have a Possibility of informing themselves what the Crimes thereby Punish'd are, for the People's only Guide is the Law, and they can never be Guided by what they can never be inform'd off, and we do humbly conceive, that this uncertainty being in the Case of a Clergy Man for Preaching, It may Possibly Create some Fear in Good Men when they Preach fome Doctrines of the Church of England, Particularly that of Non-Resistance, and may be made use of by ill ones, as an Excuse for the Neglect of that Duty, which upon some Occasions, is required of them, even by the Laws of the Land.

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Die Lunæ 20. Martij 1709.

THE House (pursuant to the Order of Saturday last) adjourn'd into Westminster Hall, and being there.

The House was resum'd, and the Lord Chancellor declar'd, that the Lords had agreed upon a Question, to be put to each Lord severally.

Then his Lordship put the Question, beginning at the Junior Baron First, as follows.

Is Dr. Henry Sacheverell Guilty of High Crimes and Misdemeanours Charg'd upon him by the Impeachment of the House of Commons.

And having ask'd every Lord present, and they having declared Guilty, or not Guilty.

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His Lordship having Cast up the Votes, Declared him Guilty.

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Die Martis 21, Martii 1709.

THEN the House (pursuant to the Order Yesterday) took into Consideration what Censure to give upon Henry Sacheverell, Doctor in Divinity.

And it being propos'd as follows,

First, That Dr. Henry Sacheverell be enjoyn'd not to Preach during the Term of Seven Years.

Secondly, That for the same Term of Years, to be made incapable of receiving any other Ecclesiastical Benefice, than what he now enjoys.

Thirdly, That he be imprison'd in the Tower, for three Months, and until he find Sureties for his good Behaviour during the Term of seven Years, before the Two Chief Justices.

Fourthly, That his Sermons be Burnt by the Hangman, at the Exchange, in the Prefence of the Lord Mayor, and Sheriffs

> Then the House took the propos'd Question, into Consideration, Paragraph by Paragraph, and after Debate upon the first Paragraph.

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It was agreed to leave out the Word (Seven) and it being propos'd instead thereof to incert the word (Three.)

The Question was put,

Whether the Blank in the first Paragraph shall be fill'd up with the Word (Three.) It was Resolv'd in the Affirmative:

Then this Question was put, That Dr. Henry Sacheverell shall be enjoyn'd not to Preach during the Term of Three Years.

It was Refolv'd in the Affirmative.

Then the second Paragraph propos'd was, That Dr. Henry Sacheverell be made incapable of Receiving any Ecclesiastical Benefice for the space of Three Years.

And after Debate thereupon.

This Question was put

That Dr. Henry Sacheverell be made incapable of Receiving any further Ecclesiastical Benefice during the said Term of Three Years.

It was Refolv'd in the Negative.

Then the third Paragraph propos'd, was That Dr. Henry Sacheverell shall be imprifon'd in the Tower for three Months, and until he find Sureties for his good Behaviour.

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Then the fourth Paragraph propos'd was, That Dr. Sacheverell's Two Sermons be Burnt by the Hangman at the Exchange, in the Presence of the Lord Mayor, and Sheriffs.

And after further Debate, this Questi-

That

That the Two Printed Sermons of Doctor Henry Sacheverell, referr'd to by the Impeachment of the House of Commons, shall be Burnt before the Royal-Exchange by the Hands of the Common Hangman, in the Presence of the Lord Mayor of London, and the two Sheriffs of London and Middlesex.

It was Refolv'd in the Affirmative.

It is Order'd by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, that the Judgment to be pass'd in the Case of Dr. Henry Sacheverell, shall be.

That Henry Sacheverell, Doctor in Divinity shall be, and is hereby enjoyned not to Preach during the Term of Three Years next

Rafuing.

That Dr. Henry Sacheverell's Two printed Sermons referr'd to by the Impeachment of the House of Commons, shall be Burnt before the Royal Exchange in London, between the Hours of 12 & 1, on Monday the 27th Day of this Instant March, by the Hands of the Common Hangman, in the Presence of the Lord Mayor of the City of London, and the two Sheriffs of London and Middlesex.

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